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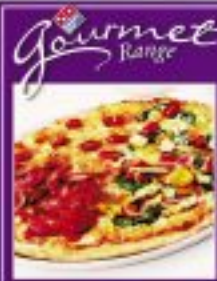
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Aerial thief gets a bad reception from villagers

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Boys quizzed over Joanna's death smash

Police warn more arrests will come

BY SOPHIE SCOTT
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TWO 14-year-old boys have been questioned over the death of Joanna Smith who died after her car tyre was sabotaged.

The two teenagers, one from Hardingstone, the other from Grange Park in Northampton, were interviewed by officers at the Criminal Justice Centre in Northampton.

Both have been arrested on suspicion of committing criminal damage and the manslaughter of Joanna (right). They were yesterday released on bail.

The teens were held on Tuesday and police have warned that more arrests are likely to come 'in the near future'.

Mrs Smith, 32, died after she was in a crash on the A45 close to Earls Barton in April. Forensics confirmed she lost

control of her car because one of the rear wheel tyres of her Honda Jazz had been deliberately punctured.

Her vehicle had been parked in a communal car park behind her flat in Wilks Way, Grange Park, near to the Budgens store, over the Bank Holiday weekend.

Her car was one of three in the vicinity that had its wheels damaged overnight.

Mrs Smith did not notice her damaged tyre before she set off on her journey to her work in Irchester, where she was employed as a pharmacist for the Co-operative.

The arrests come three weeks after officers revealed Joanna's death is now being investigated as manslaughter - in what is thought to be the first case of its kind in the country - and appealed for witnesses to come forward.



Letters pray for a new postbox

RESIDENTS struggling to post their letters in a village's mini postbox are campaigning to Royal Mail for an upgrade. People living in Milton Malsor, including Shaun Hope (above), are forced to drive to a neighbouring village if they need to post any larger envelopes. See page 3 for the full story.

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Ewe must be kidding! Future's bright for 'ginger' sheep

A VIDEO has been posted on to YouTube suggesting Northamptonshire is home to the world's rarest breed of sheep – ginger ones.

In what must be a spoof, the presenter

says the animals have been bred on a county farm for the past 200 years.

The 'farmer' Brian tells him in the Countryfile-style video that the flock is the only one in the world and the sheep

are very docile, make good mothers and lamb early.

■ Do you know more about the video or did you witness its making? Email news@HPnorthants.co.uk

Call for free parking and longer shopping hours

BY SOPHIE SCOTT

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PLANS to extend shopping hours and increase free parking in Northampton town centre are to be put forward next week.

Stephen Chown, chairman of Northampton BID (Business Improvement District), is to propose moves to improve the shopping experience in the town at a meeting of the Retail Scrutiny Panel on Monday.

Northampton BID was set up last January and includes 500 businesses in the town centre.

In a presentation he is to talk about ways to encourage more shopping, including an idea to change one hour on-street parking to two hours.

He includes a suggestion to extend shop opening hours until 7pm with an extra initiative of making parking "free after three".

Another idea is to give businesses in the town centre parking permits at more

competitive rates. He also is to tell members the importance of the internet and recommend offering free Wifi in the town centre, for example Market Square, and to embrace push-messaging and high-speed internet.

Julie Thorneycroft, BID co-ordinator, said: "The BID supports the idea and they welcome any ideas that us and the council can pass onto businesses."

■ What do you think? Email letters@HPnorthants.co.uk or comment at www.northampton-news-hp.co.uk

Fewer complaints made to Northants Police as Force 'refines' it processes

MORE than 370 complaints were made against the county force in the last year, figures released by the Independent Police Complaints Commission (IPCC) show.

In total 376 were recorded, which is a fall of 30 per cent from 2010/11 when a total of 492 allegations were made.

In 2011/12 there were 77 appeals to the IPCC from members of the public about Northamptonshire Police's handling of their complaints.

That included 53 appeals about the Force's investigation of a complaint, five about the way the complaint was resolved locally, and 19 about the police not recording a complaint.

The IPCC completed 59 appeals against Northants Police during 2011/12, upholding 27, higher than the 38 per cent national result for upheld appeals.

It took the Force on average 72 working days to finalise cases, quicker than most forces across the country.

Chief Inspector Mark Taylor, from the Professional Standards Department, said: "We have worked hard to refine our processes around complaints to firstly make it easier to access the complaints system, and secondly to respond and deal with complaints more effectively."

"We now offer a simple and streamlined option of quick service recovery for all members of the public dissatisfied by our

service, this focuses on providing the complainant the outcome they want and how they want to receive it – this is reflected in the improved complaint statistics.

"Not only have we seen a reduction in the number of complaints and allegations received, but the average number of working days taken to finalise complaints was 72 days compared with the national average of 93 working days.

"Moreover we have found that against the national target of recording complaints within ten working days, Northamptonshire Police ensured 97 per cent were within this time limit compared with the national average of 86 per cent, a year on year increase over the last three years for the Force.

"Since August 2011 we have further improved our service by adapting our processes to record complaints in just 24 hours, not the national average of 10 days, as we feel this better meets the needs of our public – this is a significant step for us and our communities.

"Whilst we are pleased with the improved position the Force is in, we are aware that further improvements are required, like the number of appeals upheld by the IPCC. We recognise that we still have more to do in achieving our aim of delivering an excellent service to the communities of Northamptonshire."

Smoke alarm plea as clocks change

AS the clocks go back on Sunday the county fire service is reminding people to check their smoke alarm.

Statistics show that people are more than four times as likely to die in a fire if their smoke alarm is not working, so the service is encouraging people to turn testing alarms into a household routine too.

There were 327 accidental fires in the home in Northamptonshire last year, which resulted in many people being injured and one fatality.

The fire and rescue service hopes that by adding this simple smoke alarm check to the clock-change routine, these numbers can be reduced.

Warren Ellison, fire and rescue service prevention team manager, said: "Everyone notices when a clock stops ticking but the condition of your smoke alarm isn't so obvious. The battery could be flat or you may have forgotten that you have removed it and used it for a child's toy. The only way to be sure it's working is to test it."

"As you put your clocks back this weekend, think about fire safety. Many people will get a chair or step ladder out to change their own or a loved one's clock, just take an extra moment to push the button on the smoke alarm too – it could save a life."

Rap artist Dizzee aids cops' new club appeal

URBAN artist Dizzee Rascal has retweeted an appeal by police to track witnesses to a nightclub crush to more than 400,000 of his twitter followers.

The 'Bonkers' rapper sent the message from Northants Police's dedicated twitter account to the Lava Ignite witness appeal, @ClubTragedy, to his fans on the social network.

The Force have described the public's response to the renewed appeal to find 28 people who were at Lava Ignite in St Peter's Way, Northampton, last October when Nabila Nanfuka, 22, and Danielle Jackson, 19, died, as 'overwhelming'.

CCTV images released by the police in connection with the incident have been viewed more than 3,000 times on YouTube.

In less than a week after detectives launched a fresh appeal for information they have contacted three of the 28.

The Force have also been in touch with other music artists, including Wretch32, Professor Green, Tim Westwood, Jessie J and Tinie Tempah, in a bid to track people.

The images are available at www.northants.police.uk/ClubTragedy or on www.facebook.com/ClubTragedy



Villagers call for 1st class postbox

BY SOPHIE SCOTT

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RESIDENTS in a village have been left feeling second class in a dispute with the Royal Mail over a postbox.

People in Milton Malsor are updating their village green and want to move their current postbox a few yards away – to the other side of the road.

But the Royal Mail has stamped out any plans they might have by telling them it could not afford the cost.

In the meantime, some villagers are also unhappy at having to make a six mile round trip to post a letter.

Parish Councillor Shaun Hope (pictured) explained: "We want

to move it to the other side of the road - but the box is too small anyway.

"It doesn't take A4 size envelopes, for example, and often when you go to it close to collection time it is overflowing which is obviously a security problem.

"We have written to the Royal Mail asking for a bigger box, especially as the village has grown in size - but they will not install one.

"They said it is going to cost them more than £3,000 which they say they cannot justify to spend. I have to drive to Collingtree if I want to post anything of size."

A Royal Mail spokeswoman said: "We can confirm we have

received communication from Milton Malsor Parish Council regarding its concerns over the postbox in the centre of the village.

"There are significant costs involved in the installation of any new or replacement postbox and therefore a study of the proximity of other postboxes, customer usage and density of the local population would have to be carried out before any decision can be made.

"A relief collection will commence where mail will be collected at 12.15pm and at the existing time of 5pm Monday to Friday.

"We will also monitor the postbox to assess the amount of mail posted."

Town's stores on risk list as Argos makes changes

TWO Argos stores have an uncertain future after it was announced that the company was to close 75 outlets.

Parent company Home Retail Group is planning to relocate or shut stores nationwide in a bid to push forward with becoming more 'digitally led'.

There are two stores in

Northampton, one in Sixfields and the other in St Peter's Square.

In a statement, the company said: "As a result, it is likely that Argos will close or relocate at least 75 stores as their leases come to an end over the next five years."

It added: "The transformation

plan aims to deliver growth by repositioning Argos as a digitally-led business from a catalogue-led business, leading the market growth of digital commerce through online, mobile and tablet, and offering customers more products with the fastest, most convenient fulfilment options."

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Jim calls for hopefuls to reveal police past

BY SOPHIE SCOTT

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CANDIDATES in the upcoming Police and Crime Commissioner elections have been asked by one to prove they have no criminal convictions.

Jim MacArthur (pictured) believes they should all come out and say if they have had any dealings with the police in their past.

To prove he has had none, he has produced his 'enhanced disclosure' document for the Criminal Records Bureau that he received when he became an Aikido coach.

He said: "It is obviously of vital importance that the person who is elected as our the county's Police and Crime Commissioner does not have a criminal record or any stain whatsoever on his character."

"However, although to even open a play school, an individual has to obtain what is called an



'Enhanced Disclosure' Document from the Criminal Records Bureau, candidates for the post of Police and Crime Commissioner do not.

"Those potential candidates who have previously stood down from standing as a PCC in other parts of the country because they have a conviction, have done so because they have made a voluntarily declaration of such."

"If it was discovered after the

election that the successful candidate had such a conviction it would inevitably trigger another election. I think that whatever happens elsewhere in the country, here in Northamptonshire we should take every step possible to counter that possibility."

The Herald & Post asked all candidates if they would be willing to do this.

Liberal Democrat candidate Paul Varnsvery said he had no criminal convictions and agreed with Mr MacArthur's idea, while Labour's Lee Barron added: "I am a serving magistrate; that's my credentials. I wouldn't be a magistrate if I had a criminal past at the end of the day."

Conservative Adam Simmonds confirmed he had a CRB check when he worked at a school and independent John Norrie said his only dealings with the police were in a professional capacity.

Labour's Lee promises to 'respect' staff

A LABOUR candidate to become Northamptonshire's first Police and Crime Commissioner has written to the workforce promising to treat them with 'respect' if he is elected on November 15.

Lee Barron has set out his commitments to police staff in a letter to Unison members including saying there will be no compulsory redundancies.

Other promises are having trade union representation on the

Police and Crime Panel. He said: "It is a challenging time economically for everyone. That is why those individuals who work incredibly hard for us at Northamptonshire Police should be given respect and treated fairly."



DESIGN: Joe Smith with his invention

Boost for inventor after visiting Den

A FATHER and son who turned down investment from the 'Dragons' for their wheelbarrow invention are reaping the rewards.

Joe Smith, who lives in Kingsthorpe, Northampton, appeared on the BBC 2 show Dragons' Den last month with his dad Michael.

'Dragons' Duncan Bannatyne and Hilary Devey offered the pair £50,000 for half of their Wheelbarrow Boosters business - which is run from Northampton.

The 'booster' is a canvas product which attaches to a wheelbarrow and increases its capacity by 300 per cent.

Joe, who moved to the town 14 years ago to study at the university, said they have been inundated with calls from big suppliers across Europe and from as far

away as Australia. One of the 'biggest gardening groups' in the UK has also put in an order.

The 32-year-old said: "We predict that in three years sales will be 100,000. We have already got 25,000 for next year."

"I really hope I can build the business in Northampton and create a solid base here. I love the town and I've built my life in the town. We are looking at another product to bring out soon which will complement this one."

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Halloween booze ban for premises

A PUB and an off-licence have been forced to close by police over the Halloween period as they have 'persistently' sold alcohol to children.

The Bear, in Sheep Street, Northampton – owned by Enterprise Inns – and the Booze & Stuff store in St Leonard's Road, Far Cotton, will be closed for a fortnight between midday tomorrow and November 9.

Both premises will not be able to sell alcohol during that time. This was accepted as an alternative to prosecution under the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2003 which now carries a maximum £20,000 fine.

Licensing and Nightsafe sergeant Mark Worthington said: "To close a pub and an off licence for two weeks at a busy time of the year will result in a significant financial penalty for these businesses and I do hope that they learn their lesson."

"We will continue with these tactics in the run up to Christmas so we would remind the trade to operate Challenge 21/25 so they don't all foul of any operations we conduct."

Tesco aim to crack kids' egg nuisance

BY LAWRENCE JOHN
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A SUPERMARKET giant is asking its store bosses to use their 'judgement' to curtail possible Halloween high-jinks.

Tesco, which has shops across Northampton, has told its managers to be on alert about youngsters buying large quantities of flour and eggs.

Traditionally Halloween is the

time of year when children go out trick or treating and collecting sweets. But some young people have over-stepped the mark and have carried out anti-social behaviour using flour and eggs.

This has led to people's houses, property or cars being pelted with the offending items.

Now, in a bid to stop youngsters getting hold of these items for the wrong reason, Tesco's head office is calling on its store chiefs across

the country to use what it has deemed as 'commonsense'.

A Tesco spokesman said: "While there is no policy in place to stop children buying flour and eggs, as a responsible local retailer our store managers take a commonsense approach to this matter."

"We are asking the managers to use their judgement or common sense if they see a problem in order to fix it."

... and police issue safety warning to youngsters

KIDS have been getting a talking to by officers to make sure they are on their best behaviour when trick or treating.

Safer Community Team officers across Northamptonshire have been taking crime prevention and safety messages into the classroom as the half-term school holiday beckons.

The officers are keen that the youngsters stay safe and enjoy the season of smiling pumpkins and fizzing fireworks.

But the talks also concentrated on the fact that for many people – older folk in particular – the

season can be one of frowns and damp squibs.

In Northampton, officers will be keeping a close eye on vulnerable communities.

Inspector Jen Helm, of the south-west sector in Northampton, said: "We have been working closely with schools in our area and we are focusing on our hotspot areas and vulnerable residents."

"We expect 99 per cent of people to respect the wishes of others and still enjoy themselves, but we will come down hard on those who choose to behave anti-

socially. Please let us know if there are issues in your community and we will send out dedicated officers to deal with it."

Inspector Dave Rayfield, of Northampton's central sector, added: "We will have extra resources on duty in the centre of Northampton to basically provide a response to any unwanted issues of anti-social behaviour."

"We would encourage people to enjoy both the Bonfire and Halloween celebrations but to do so in a way that is respectful and considerate to all sections of the community."

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Under fire security firm parties at Hall

BY SOPHIE SCOTT

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STAFF at a shamed security company held an awards night at a county hotel.

Up to 170 workers from G4S partied at Whittlebury Hall, near Towcester, last week for its 'annual event' to celebrate their work.

G4S came under fire when it was unable to provide enough staff to cover security at the Olympics and the armed forces had to come in to help during the London 2012 Games.

The company has defended the party, which comes as it is claiming tens of millions of pounds from the taxpayer, saying it recognised the hard work of staff.

A G4S spokesman said: "This was an annual event to recognise the hard work and dedication of our frontline security staff - none of them involved in the Olympics.

"It is entirely appropriate that



AWARDS BASH: G4S chose Whittlebury Hall for the awards

we should reward employees who go above and beyond the call of duty and we are proud of them.

"We do not believe these highly deserving employees, who include a security officer who

prevented a mentally ill patient from committing suicide, or two rugby stewards who were the first on scene to help victims of a major road accident, should be penalised for issues elsewhere within the company."

iPad up for grabs - for registering kids online

PARENTS are being reminded that if they register their children for primary school online before next Wednesday they could win an iPad.

The winner of Northamptonshire County Council's competition will be presented with the device by Saints player Mark Sorenson next month.

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Bad reception for theft of 36 aerials

BY LAWRENCE JOHN
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A THIEF stole 36 aerials from vehicles in a two-day crimewave. Police anticipate the figure could rise to 50 or 60 cars as more of these incidents are reported by residents.

The aerials were taken on Friday and Sunday from motors parked in Badgers Close, Beech Close, Chipsey Avenue, Georges Avenue, High Street, Lime Grove, Oaklands, Pilgrims Lane and Pound Lane in Bugbrooke.

Two of the vehicles were also

damaged. PC James Harvey, who is investigating the crimes, said: "So far 36 have been reported but I suspect this figure could rise to 50 or 60."

"This is recorded as a theft as the aerial is stolen but this is not a normal crime as there is not much metal value and I think it is just mindless vandalism."

"The aerials are normally screwed in and all it takes is for them to be unscrewed, so potentially you do not need a screwdriver."

"This is not a five/ten minute job and I hope someone has seen

something suspicious. At the moment we do not have any suspects."

"All the lines of inquiry are open and we need any details which people have - especially if they have seen anything suspicious."

PC Harvey is not asking people to remove the aerials from their cars but added: "The only advice we can give is keep your car on a driveway where there is a sensor light or park it in a garage."

Anyone with information, should call Northamptonshire Police on 101 or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

Bowls club on target for move to new green

NORTHAMPTON Express Bowls Club is to get a new home ground at a recently opened leisure facility thanks to funding of £4,000.

Northampton Borough Council and Northampton Leisure Trust are both contributing the money to enable the group to complete the groundworks at the bowling green at the Duston Sports Centre.

The club can now move ahead with the project and it is anticipated that the green will be ready to play at the beginning of next year's season.

Chris Bland, from the club, said: "We're delighted that both the council and Leisure Trust are helping to fund the new bowling green at Duston Sports Centre."

"The green should be available in 2013 and we'd like to encourage new members, young and old, to join the club and learn to play this sporting activity."

For more information about the bowling green contact Duston Sports Centre on 01604 837600.

More information about the Express Bowls Club is available at www.northampton.express.tk

Young footballers aim to show racism the red card

YOUNGSTERS will be supporting the Kick Racism Out of Football campaign as they play the game next week.

The footballers will be coming together from across Northampton for the three-day Football Festival on the Racecourse.

Every October hundreds of street footballers join forces to celebrate their love of the game and recognise Black History Month.

This year's festival will be returning to the Racecourse for three action-packed afternoons.

As well as awards for the overall winners there will be medals for fair play and best display of skills. Throughout each day there will also be penalty

shootout competitions as well as a chance to find out more about the Kick It Out campaign.

Gavin Lewis, Northampton Leisure Trust street football officer, said: "The Football Festival is a way for us to bring together young people from across the town who share a love of football."

"It really does show how football is One Game, One Community. During the Festival there will be young people proudly representing their community, making new friends and having a great time."

"It is great to see young people enjoying the game they love and becoming part of the national Kick Racism Out of Football campaign."

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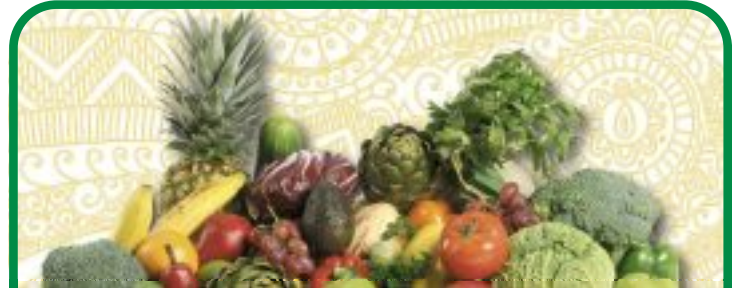
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DIABETES GROUP GATHER TO TALK FOOD

DIABETES UK Northampton Area Voluntary Group will meet on Tuesday, October 30 at 7.30pm at the Cripps Medical Centre, Northampton General Hospital. There will be a talk on food. Admission is free. It is open to all who are interested.

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DIGGING IN: Andy and Pat Chapman excavating the site



Castle remains found at rail station by historians

AN archaeological dig at Northampton Railway Station has unearthed some of the town's medieval history.

As part of the £20 million re-development of the facility, a five day dig, which ends today, has been led by experts from Northamptonshire Archaeology.

The team have been excavating a trench in the short-stay car parking area.

In medieval times Northampton Castle was situated on part of the current station site.

It was believed most remains were destroyed and displaced over time as the railway was

developed but archaeologists have found some of the castle's outer walls.

There has been minimal disruption to users, with no changes to routes into or out of the station.

Just a small section of the short-stay car park, comprising around four spaces, has been closed to traffic and pedestrians.

Chris Garden, director of regeneration at West Northamptonshire Development Corporation which is behind the station revamp, said "Clearly, it is very important the development of Northampton Station respects

the rich history and heritage of the site.

"The archaeological assessment is a key step in our preparations and will help to inform how we deliver the new and improved station."

Located in the Northampton Enterprise Zone, the new station will be almost twice the size of the existing building, which is already at capacity during peak hours.

The detailed design will be finalised this year, with main construction works due to start next year. The project is set to be completed in 2014.

New bid to boost failing bin service

BY SOPHIE SCOTT
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MORE than 2,300 single bin collections have been missed in the past six months.

Northampton Borough Council (NBC) and Daventry Borough Council earlier in the year announced an independent investigation into the bin collection service after massive failings were discovered.

A report, published last Friday, states that the company, Enterprise Managed Service Ltd (EMS), is 'underperforming' in significant areas and recommends that the council and EMS meet on a monthly basis to discuss progress.

So far this year EMS has been fined £44,000 by NBC and it could face a sum of £175,000 for the whole year.

Figures show that in May the number of bins missed totalled



FRUSTRATION: Cllr David Mackintosh

623, which was 0.05 per cent overall. The next highest month was June with 513 missed.

That number has declined as the year progressed, with a reduction to 256 not emptied in August.

There are almost 1.2 million collections each month.

Leader of the council, David Mackintosh, said while the 'teething problems' were expected at first, these did not clear up.

He added: "There has been positive progress now to improve the service.

"It is incredibly frustrating that the service has not been delivered to levels we expect.

"There will be a constant review. This has been a very useful exercise to identify what is required from the contract and there will be systems in place to make sure it is performing."

In a statement, the Labour party at Guildhall said they believed the report should have looked at each area that EMS have responsibility for including allotments, parks, gateways and flytipping.

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Cobblers fans' 'unsafe' route re-opened

A FOOTBRIDGE used to get to Northampton Town FC's ground has re-opened after being deemed 'structurally unsafe'.

The problems on the walkway between Sixfields and Hunsbury Hill Avenue in Northampton were discovered after a routine

inspection by the Environment Agency. But it confirmed that it was fixed in time for Saturday's match with Port Vale.

A spokesman said: "We hope to find a permanent solution to the issue in the new year and are exploring potential options to

help access in the interim period.

"We are aware that this is a route used to get to Sixfields Stadium and hope that the temporary loss of access did not cause too much of an inconvenience."

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Charges have 'stopped' people enjoying attraction

I MUST congratulate whoever made the decision to charge parking fees in all the car parks around Pitsford Reservoir.

It immediately cut the number of visitors to one of our major attractions because they could simply visit country parks and similar sites in neighbouring counties for free.

I suppose the only saving grace was that people could still park outside but now someone has had the bright idea to put wooden stakes along the entire road and lane.

I went past both Holcot Road and Grange Lane car parks on Saturday afternoon and there wasn't a car to be seen anywhere.

Doesn't this indicate that rather than bring in extra revenue all that has happened is that it has stopped people enjoying one of our best known beauty spots.

Graham Burke
Brixworth, Northampton



DERSEITED: One of the empty car parks
Photograph by Mr Burke

Maureen's stopping cat nuisance

I AM writing in response to Mr Palmer's letter with reference to work undertaken by Maureen Cook in neutering and caring for the welfare of stray and feral cats in and around Northampton.

Firstly, it is because of her work that the colonies of cats are not much larger than they are, since the animals are routinely trapped and neutered to prevent further breeding; secondly since this is a small charity which cannot afford to waste money, only sufficient food for the cats would be put out at any one time so that none would be left around to attract rats.

With regard to the statement she may be causing people to lose their pets, if a cat is trapped and its ear is not tipped to show that it has previously been neutered, it is taken to the vet, where it is scanned to see if it is chipped.

If this is the case, the owner is contacted and the cat returned to them, if however the owner has moved and the chip details are no longer accurate, it is immediately returned to where it was caught and released.

As I understand it, only one cat with a chip has been caught and it was not neutered – so much for responsible owners.

I find his comment that stray cats "will always be able to find food one way or the other" quite astounding.

One of the main thrusts behind Maureen Cook's work is that the animals are provided for without causing a problem to people by scavenging around the area and it must be remembered that these cats have been abandoned and many have lived rough for a long time with only her to care for their welfare.

Lastly, Maureen works in close conjunction with the RSPCA who fund the neutering programme which she carries out – or perhaps the largest animal welfare charity in the country is just not responsible enough for Mr Palmer.

Janice Corner
Northampton

Feline action is 'wrong' approach

WHAT a pity the person responding to my previous letter (Your Letters October 18) was too gutless to have their identity revealed and chose to completely ignore any points raised in my letter.

While obviously all animals who are abused or neglected should get help, Mrs Cook goes about this completely the wrong way.

Can she tell us how she proves the animals she feeds are strays? Of course she can't.

The law states if you feed cats in this way, you are then legally responsible for them.

Can she guarantee she regularly de-fleas and worms every single cat she feeds? Of course not.

I assume the mystery writer thinks it's perfectly acceptable for pet owners to go through hell wondering what has happened to much loved pets because traps have been set to catch them, then for them to turn up at a local vet where they

have taken them to get neutered. I think most people would disagree. While neutering is a good idea, it is not the law.

Might I suggest you either answer the points I have raised next time or at least make some valid points specific to what I have said instead of quoting bits from the animal rights act which didn't really bear any direct relevance!

Mr J Palmer
Northampton

Kitten study to find out more

KITTEN owners living in the UK are helping with the 'Bristol Cats' study being run by the University of Bristol, but even more kittens are needed to take part in the first study of its kind that will help improve the health and welfare of cats in the future.

The researchers wish to recruit a further 700 kitten owners who own one aged between eight and 16 weeks by the end of December.

Bristol Cats, led by academics at the University's School of Veterinary Sciences, is being carried out because little is known about the causes of common behaviour patterns and diseases of cats, such as, obesity, diet, lifestyle, aggression towards people, spraying and lower urinary tract problems.

Kitten owners, who are over 18 years of age, complete four online or postal questionnaires, initially when their kittens are approximately eight to 16 weeks, then again at six, 12, and 18 months of age.

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Kate Fowler
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£52.5m pot to help build new hospital

BY SOPHIE SCOTT
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A HEALTHCARE provider has been handed £52.5 million worth of funding to build a new hospital in the town.

St Andrew's Healthcare will use the money to create a 90-bed psychiatric hospital on the Cliftonville site in Northampton and is expected to start work next year with completion due for 2014.

The charity's existing facility is home to more than 600 patients. Nigel Alcock, chief finance officer at St Andrew's Healthcare said: "Despite challenging financial forecasts for independent mental healthcare providers, St Andrew's reported an increase in turnover by over five per cent last year to £169m.

"As a charity, it is essential that any financial agreements we enter into are right for our long-term commitment to care for as many people as possible.

"We are in a very different



SITE EXTENSION: David Hykin from Lloyds Bank, with Nigel Alcock and Philip Sugarman, both of St Andrew's Healthcare, and Andrew Connors of Lloyds Bank

position to some private companies and that's why we believe that the charitable model offers huge potential for the sector.

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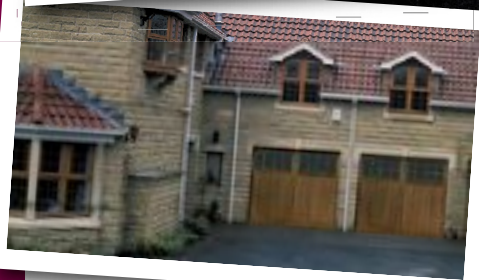
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Biker beaten after van used 'as a weapon'

BY SOPHIE SCOTT
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A DRIVER who used his van as a weapon to mow down a motorcyclist – before getting out and kicking his victim – has been jailed.

Glenn Tweed, 26, targeted Adam Lafin, who was sat on his bike in North Oval in Kings Heath, Northampton Crown Court heard on Friday.

Tweed, of Highfields, Towcester, admitted attempted grievous bodily harm and dangerous driving.

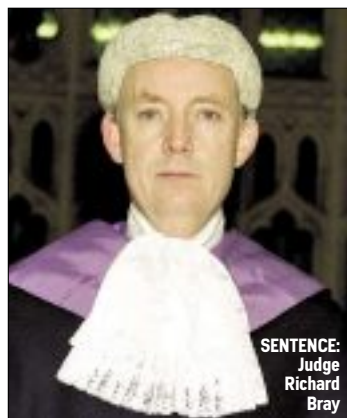
Michael Waterfield, prosecuting, said: "Mr Tweed, who Lafin knew, drove up in his van and got out and walked over to him saying 'who has been picking on my little cousin' or a variation of that. Some witnesses said he mentioned 'brother'.

"Nobody knew what he was talking about. He then went back to his car saying 'I will be back in a minute' and he drove off.

"Five minutes later he came back and he drove into Mr Lafin's bike, knocking him off in the process. Mr Lafin hit his windscreen and after that he remembers nothing apart from waking up in hospital.

"The defendant drove off, turned round and came back and started challenging others to a fight and was kicking Mr Lafin on the floor."

Mr Lafin suffered mainly cuts and bruises to his face and arms and was kept in hospital overnight. In mitigation, Lucy



SENTENCE:
Judge
Richard
Bray

Fairclough said Tweed did not remember the incident.

Judge Richard Bray said: "You clearly lost your temper and fortunately he did not suffer more serious injuries.

"Both injuries could have been fatal. There must be a custodial sentence of some length; you used your car as a weapon."

He was jailed for two years for attempted grievous bodily harm and handed a 12 month concurrent sentence for dangerous driving.

He was disqualified from driving for two years.

Teenager put away for dangerous driving

A TEENAGER has been locked up for his part in a police chase which ended when the car he was driving careered into street signs.

Joshim Chowdhury, 19, of Margaret Street, Northampton, had been at a party with friends on the night of July 8 when officers spotted passengers in his car acting suspiciously.

At Northampton Crown Court on Friday prosecutor Rachel Law said: "Police officers on patrol saw a white Mercedes on Billing Brook Road.

"They felt the four male occupants looked suspi-

cious." She said officers followed the vehicle before signalling it to pull over. The car slowed down a little before accelerating along Wellingborough Road.

Control of the car was lost near Abington Park Hotel and collided with two road signs and a traffic island, before hitting the kerb.

All four occupants then ran off on foot.

Ms Law added: "He was found hiding in a garden at the rear of Clarke Road and he was bitten by a police dog and arrested.

"He was established as the driver." Chowdhury

had previously pleaded guilty at Northampton Magistrates' Court to driving without a licence, driving without insurance, failing to stop after an accident and dangerous driving.

At the time of the offence he had a suspended sentence for an offence of possession of drugs with intent to supply.

Chowdhury was given a sentence of six months for dangerous driving and a further 18 weeks for breach of his suspended sentence.

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Sam Price-Jones, EMAS's assistant director of the Foundation Trust, said: "We want to become a Foundation Trust and believe that the freedoms and opportunities that this would give us will help to make a real difference for the future of our Trust and for the people who use our services." Visit www.emas.nhs.uk/ft

SHOPPER'S MOBILE PHONE STOLEN

A MAN twisted a woman's hand to steal her mobile phone from her in a shopping centre.

The 41-year-old victim was outside BHS in the Grosvenor Centre in Northampton at about 12.30pm on Friday when it happened.

The offender is described as white, 6ft, unshaven, in his 30s, of a medium build, with short mousey coloured hair.

He was wearing a silver stud in his right ear, a cream jacket with a lumberjack-style shirt underneath, light blue jeans and dirty white trainers.

Witnesses should call police on 101.



Teens get a chance

BY LAWRENCE JOHN

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TEENAGERS from across the county who do not drive are getting a unique opportunity to see the world as it looks from behind the wheel of a car.

The Mercedes-Benz Driving Academy is a new motoring school which invites young people from Northamptonshire to learn RoadSense.

The initiative supports the school curriculum and can be linked into Personal Health and Social Education.

The two and a half hour sessions at the Silverstone Circuit provide students with a range of activities to make a positive impact on their thinking.

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The activities aim to help the teenagers understand the serious impact distractions and speed can have on their driving and how the risk of having an accident increase.

One of the people responsible for getting this message across is Robert East, National Operations & Development Manager, Mercedes-Benz Driving Academy.

He said: "Our experience shows younger teenagers are more receptive to learning and if we



can teach them about road safety early on, there is a higher chance the skills will be put into practice on the public roads.

"Working with schools in Northamptonshire we can offer RoadSense as an add on to the curriculum.

"We are confident when pupils start to drive, or are driven by their friends, they will have a

more responsible attitude towards driving and will be aware of the wider risks involved."

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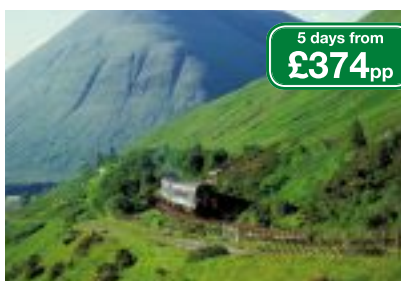
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to RoadSense. These are to recognise a car is not easy to drive and if you are you can be easily distracted.

"They are all given a comprehensive briefing with them to find out what they learnt from the day."

"We are very encouraged by their positive attitude."

"The age of those who have

attended have ranged from 15-years-old to 22-years-old.

"We do recognise they do have a great level of dexterity but they realise driving a car is very different from driving on a computer game."

"When they arrive they are full of youthful bravado but when they leave they realise they have learnt an important message in a fun, enjoyable way."

So far the academy has delivered 450 sessions to school children.

Northamptonshire County Council has teamed up with the Mercedes-Benz Driving Academy to offer the RoadSense course.

Cllr Andre Gonzalez De Savage, county council cabinet member for infrastructure and public protection, said: "People who have not driven before are obviously familiar with cars as being a convenient mode of transport but it's always a surprise just how powerful vehicles can be."

"Driven correctly this is all perfectly fine but it's important that people realise cars have the potential to be lethal machines if handled incorrectly."

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Christine said: "I have had the calf for a year. I got it to advertise I was here as these premises used to be a barn."

"Then I thought wouldn't it be good to dress it up and I started by putting the ladybird cape on it."

"Then when the sun shines I put a hat on her and at Christmas I put a



TURNING HEADS: Christine South with Blossom the calf, Daisy the lamb and Poppy the piglet

scarf on her and holly around her head.

"All the children who walk past on their way

to the nursery love her." The youngsters have even started putting Blossom's hood up to

keep her dry. The calf's friends include Poppy the piglet and Daisy the lamb.

Glider survives 60ft crash as canopy fails

BY SOPHIE SCOTT

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A PARAGLIDER has survived a 60ft plunge after his canopy partially collapsed.

The 25-year-old from Northam-

ptonshire miraculously escaped with 'non-life threatening' injuries but is being treated for back and pelvic damage.

He was flown by the Pride of Cumbria Air Ambulance from Sythead Tarn, close to Scafell Pike

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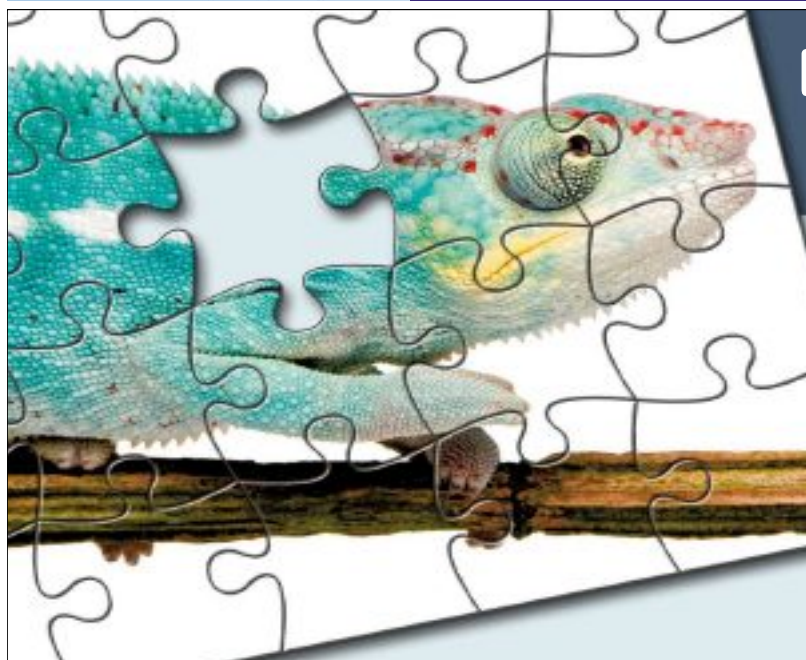
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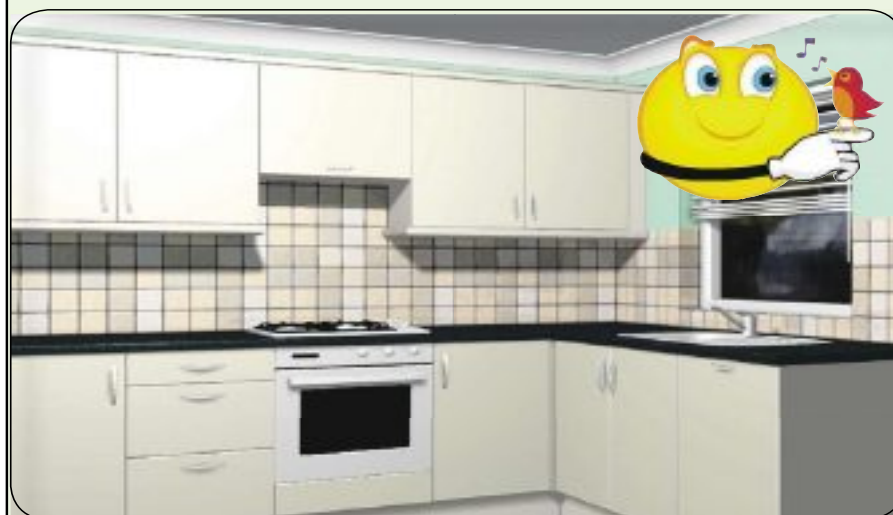


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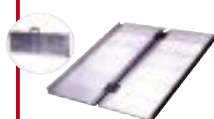


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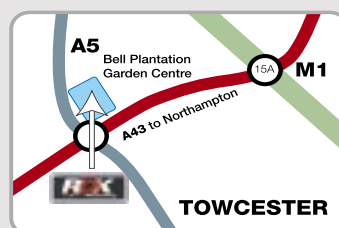
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THERE are very few people from the world of rock 'n' roll who can claim Northampton played a pivotal part in their lives.

But one 'dude' can, and his name is Ian Hunter.

For those who can't place him he is a legend of 70s music and the former lead singer of Mott the Hoople who had a huge hit with the David Bowie song All the Young Dudes.

Hunter, who is now 73, was born in Shropshire but moved to Northampton in the late 1950s when he was a teenager.

He transferred his engineering apprenticeship from Sentinel/Rolls Royce to British Timken in Duston.

Hunter did dream of becoming a footballer but admitted: "I was crap. My brother was a goalkeeper and he was really good.

"I am still enthusiastic about football and support Shrewsbury Town."

It was while in Northampton his interest in American music and especially the songs of Little Richard, Jerry Lee Lewis and Elvis was born.

He used to frequent pubs like the Black Lion and Cross Keys which at the time had jukeboxes full of American singles - some which you wouldn't even hear on the radio.

This music initiation led to him becoming a bass player.

He said: "I started playing in a band called The Apex Group and slowly became a semi-pro musician.

"We played a number of venues including American bases

and played a lot of American tunes. By the time I was 25 years old I had to move to London if I was going to make it in music.

"Northampton is a pivotal place in my life."

In late 1963/early 1964, when Hunter was in a band called The Shriekers, they followed a path taken by The Beatles and went to Hamburg.

Hunter said going to Germany meant they had to perform for hours on end and it was an invaluable lesson in his musical education.

In the next few years, Hunter continued his journey until in 1969 he formed Mott the Hoople.

They started slowly and in 1969 put out one single, Rock and Roll Queen, which made no impact. Their album, Mott the Hoople, only reached number 66 in the UK charts.

In 1972 David Bowie, who had always been a fan of the band, offered them his song Suffragette City which they turned down so he wrote All the Young Dudes for them.

Hunter said: "It was a great song which he gave to us.

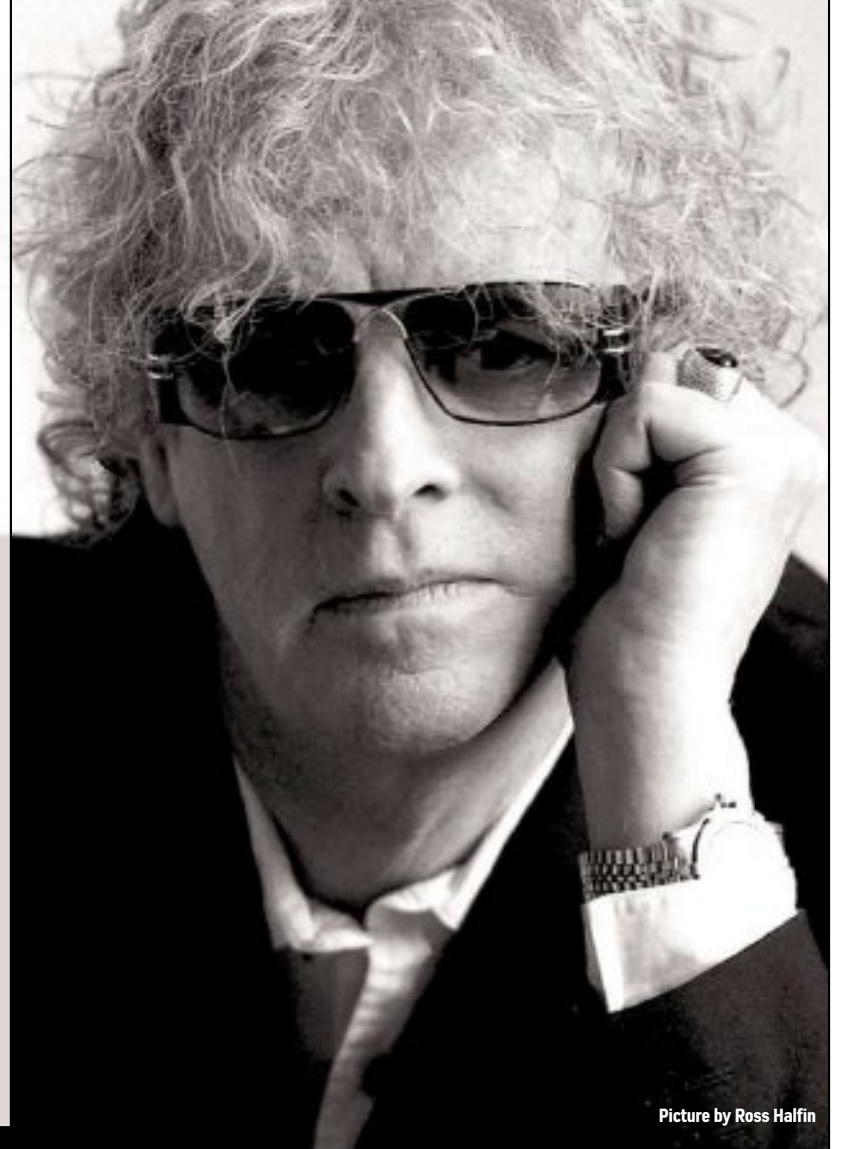
"He did offer us Suffragette City which was an ok song but we needed something which would be a big hit.

"In the end All the Young Dudes sold 100,000 or 125,000. It all depended on what time of the year you released your records.

"Following All The Young Dudes I wrote the songs.

"Something like Roll Away the Stone sold four times as many records as All the Young Dudes but isn't seen as such an anthem."

Hunter comes to The Roadmender this weekend as part of a 40-date tour of Britain and is very much looking forward to 'coming home' to Northampton.



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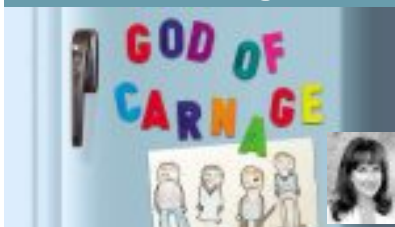
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Phantom is the top job for Earl

THEATRE

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WHEN his dad bought Earl Carpenter his first stereo back in the 1980s, he could not possibly have known that he would be carving out a little slice of history.

Along with the treasured possession, came a double cassette of The Phantom of the Opera.

"I'd always loved Michael Crawford as Frank Spencer in Some Mothers Do 'Ave 'Em" says Earl "and I listened to the tape over and over again."

Fast forward 25 years and Earl knows the part even better. "I've been in the musical theatre industry for 20 years and considering how fickle a business it is, the fact that I am now part of Phantom's history is just - wow!"

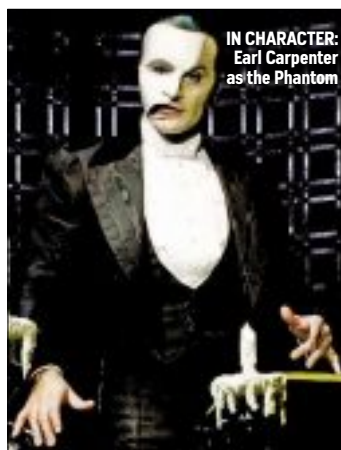
Having played the Phantom in London, Earl is now starring in the UK tour of the world's most successful musical.

He says of the show's popularity: "It's a classic Beauty and the Beast story. It's theatrical escapism - you couldn't ask for a better story. It's a visual extravaganza and Andrew Lloyd Webber's most fantastic score."

"It's an emotional journey and it's what live theatre is all about but it's competing with every other form of entertainment out there. I challenge anyone to see the show and not be thrilled by the whole experience."

"The new design of the touring show is very exciting. The style of this particular version of Phantom is very different from the London show which favours a more melodramatic style."

He added: "It's an iconic musical. A lot of people love the London production and it's difficult to let go of what you love but this touring version is a very different animal."



IN CHARACTER:
Earl Carpenter
as the Phantom

For Earl, it's been quite a personal journey. "It's something I had to agree to six or seven months in advance. In essence, playing the part of the Phantom in the tour is similar to performing it in London because I know the show so well."

"But with this new production, I have the opportunity to explore new ideas and after 20 years in the business the creative team trusts me to do that."

It wasn't all plain sailing though. "In London, I was employed as a 'walking cover' of the Phantom - that is an understudy to a role but not one that is also playing another smaller part in the show."

"They were considering me to take over the role and they wanted to see whether I could do it. So they gave the actor who was playing the role the afternoon off and it just so happened that both Cameron Mackintosh and Andrew Lloyd Webber were in the theatre, together, that day - it was the first time that had ever happened!"

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JUDY RILEY

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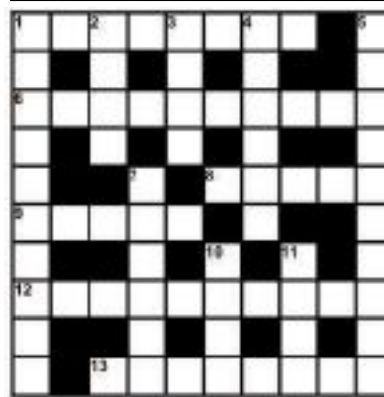
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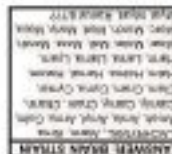
1. Animal guard (8)
6. Worship place (10)
8. Adjudicator (5)
9. Wallop (5)
12. Party pooper (10)
13. Was there (8)

DOWN

1. Funny words (10)
2. Ornate jug (4)
3. Male deer (4)
4. Light blocking (6)
5. Drunk (10)
7. Naturalist (6)
10. Slave of old (4)
11. Virtuous (4)

SOLUTION FOR LAST WEEK

- ACROSS: 2. Justice 6. Hobo 7. Plus 8. Après
9. Tug 13. Ted 16. Cello 17. Risk 18. Foll
19. Defiant
DOWN: 1. Folly 2. Joist 3. Savage 4. Indri
5. Exist 10. Utopia 11. Acrid 12. Cliff 14. Draft
15. Odeia



FIND THE WORDS

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Find the words: Up, down, forwards, backwards, straight or diagonal. This week: Clothing: Shirt, Dress, Sock, Vest, Jumper, Shorts, Skirt, Nylons, Trousers, Coat, Pants, Jacket, Scarf, Blouse, Suit, Cape, Mac, Sarong, Glove, Hoodie

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Use all the numbers and signs to make the star total. Do calculations in strict order from left to right with no brackets - eg 6x7+7+5=66
Last week: 8+8+9+4-1=28

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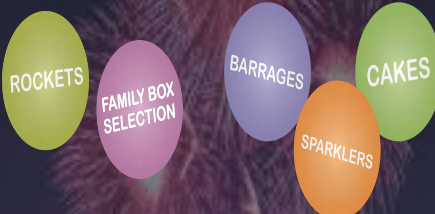
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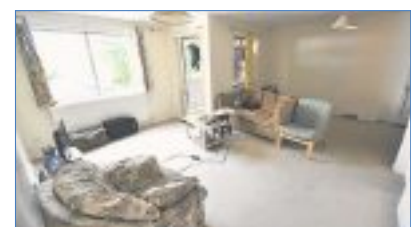
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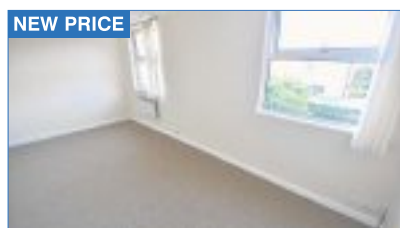
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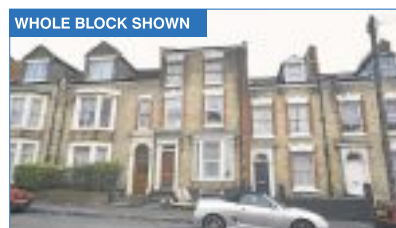
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Why the 2008 Fiesta has stood test of time

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There have been high and low points along the way but in the final reckoning, the 2008 car must surely go down as one of the best.

Should buyers have as big a soft spot for the car once it's been round the block a few times and cropped up on the used market?

There shouldn't be too many problems with pre-owned Fiestas and if a particular model gives cause for concern, just walk away, there are plenty of others about.

Make sure your prospective purchase has been properly serviced and that the tyres are in decent shape, plus check for the usual kiddie damage and parking scrapes.

Engines are, on the whole, reliable but watch for the usual signs of wear particularly on high mileage models.

Engine choices start with the 60PS 1.25 and 90PS 1.4-litre Duratec petrol units. Then there's the frugal if rather leisurely 68PS 1.4-litre TDCi.

Above this level, things start to get a bit more interesting. The 90PS 1.6-litre TDCi Duratorq engine emits just 99g/km of CO2 in the ECOnetic models, and isn't far behind elsewhere with a decent turn of pace to boot.

At the other end of the scale, the 120PS 1.6-litre T-VCT petrol powerplant makes 60mph in 9.9s.



That's not hugely rapid but the Fiesta driving experience still make this model preferable over many faster hatchbacks for the enthusiast.

Some impressive cars have carried the Fiesta badge but this version must surely go down as one of the best.

The interior design might not be to everyone's taste and there are concerns over how well the jutting fascia will age but the positives outweigh the negatives.

The car looks good to most eyes yet beneath the sleek lines is a roomy cabin (rear headroom will only be a problem for tall passengers) and a generous boot. The engines are solid rather than spectacular but the highlight is the ride and the handling.

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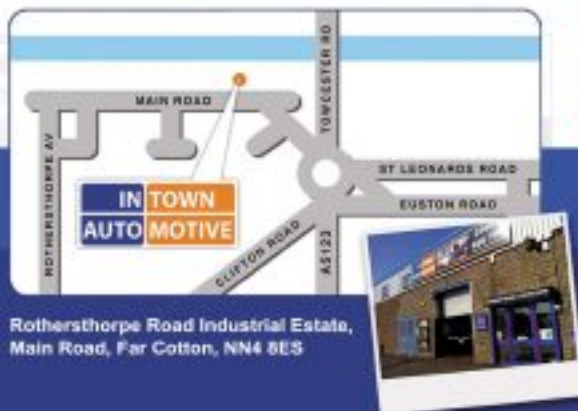
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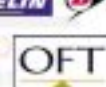
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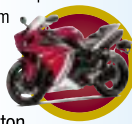


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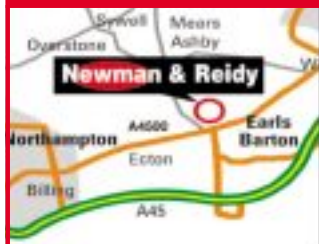
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Please provide a covering letter stating why you wish to work at The Hazeley and what qualities you can bring to the Academy.

An application pack is available from our website www.thehazeleyacademy.com or alternatively you can contact Mrs Hilary Marks, HR Administration Assistant, at the address below. The closing date for applications to be received in school is 12.00 p.m. on Friday 9th November. Please be aware that the Academy is on half term holiday from Monday 29th October until Friday 2nd November and therefore response to any emails/telephone calls/post during that time will be sporadic.

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Some experience in excel and word essential.

The Governors of Sponne School are committed to safeguarding and

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All information relevant to this post, including further details and an

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Alternatively, please contact the Headteacher's PA, Coral Bird, at the school.

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Salary: NJC scale, Level 1C points 6-9, pro rata.

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Salary: NJC scale, Level 1D points 7-10

The closing date for both positions is midday on Wednesday 31st October 2012 and we will be interviewing in early November 2012

If you want more information please phone us to have an informal 'chat' on 01234 352901. You are very welcome to visit the school and meet us all.

For further information and an application pack please contact Julie Petty, Office Manager, Queens Park Academy, Chestnut Avenue, Bedford, MK40 4HA

Tel: 01234 352901 email: jpetty@queenspark.beds.sch.uk

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Closing date: Friday 2nd November 2012.

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Your CV is your first real chance to sell yourself to a potential employer. Most employers will scan through a CV in about 30 seconds so you need to grab their attention from the start - and make them want to invite you for an interview.

There are five main areas to consider when writing your CV:

- Make sure your CV looks the part. Your CV should look clean and tidy - don't scrawl it out on a piece of A4 paper. If you haven't got access to a PC or printer, ask a friend or use your local library. Use a good quality paper and steer clear of fancy borders and front covers.

- Watch out for silly spelling and grammar mistakes. They make you look lazy and show employers that you don't really care. It's not difficult to do a spell check on your PC and if you're really stuck then don't just guess, reach for a dictionary. Get a friend to read through your CV for you - a second opinion is always useful.

- Make sure your CV is well organised. When you list your previous jobs, make sure the dates are correct and try not to leave any gaps. If you took time out to go travelling then say so - employers won't mark you down just because you've tried something new.

- Don't waffle. Remember that employers don't have time to read every word of your CV. Long paragraphs and sentences put people off, so try bullet-points to break up text. Make sure your CV is no longer than two pages long - employers don't want your life history, they just want to see that you've got what it takes to do the job.

- Don't list any failures. Employers have enough trouble finding someone who is right for the job - they don't need help finding reasons not to employ you. If you have to include a mistake from your past, make sure you show the employer that you learnt something from the experience.

Keep it simple

Personal details

Start off with your full name, address, home and mobile phone numbers and email address. If you are offered an interview, the employer will want to get hold of you so give him as many options as possible.



Summary/professional profile

This is the No1 area for selling yourself. Set out your main skills and personal qualities but keep it interesting and tight - one paragraph should do to cover everything.

Education and qualifications

List your qualifications and education history, with the most recent first. You don't need to list the grades for each exam you have passed unless they were exceptional results - simply listing the number and type of exams you've passed is fine. Also, list any relevant professional organisations you belong to and training courses you have been on.

Work experience

Start with your most recent position and work backwards, giving addresses along with start and finish dates. Set out your main responsibilities, duties and most importantly achievements, along with any skills you picked up or improvements you made while you were there. This is a really important section in your CV so make it count - but don't waffle.

If you have not had a full-time job before, detail any part-time jobs you may have held or any placement you have been on.

Other skills

Set out any computer skills you may have and the software you are most familiar with. Can you type, do shorthand or speak a foreign language fluently? If you have a driving licence, let the employer know. If it's clean, tell them.

Interests & hobbies

Briefly list what you get up to in your spare time. Put down any positions you hold in clubs or associations, along with any responsibilities and achievements.

References

Make sure you have at least two people (including one from your previous or current job) who will tell an employer what a thoroughly nice person you are and what a potential asset to the company you would be.

If you want to list them now make sure you include their name, job title, postal & e-mail address and contact phone numbers. Alternatively, just put "Available on request" so the employer knows to follow up references at a later date.

Add a covering letter

The main aim of a covering letter is to encourage an employer to give you a chance. You want them to read your CV, so sell it to them. You should always enclose a covering letter when applying for a job - most employers won't consider you unless you do.

A covering letter should let the employer know why you are interested in the job and why you think you can do it.

The hints and tips below should point you in the right direction:

- Keep it simple. A covering letter should be short and to the point - no more than six paragraphs.
- Mention the job. If you are replying to an advert, mention what the job is and where you saw it. The company may be advertising for other positions and it may not be clear which job you are applying for.
- Sell yourself. Explain why you are the perfect candidate for the job. Show off your strengths and experience. Refer to your CV - if it goes missing then at least an employer will know that you've sent it.
- Check it for mistakes. A silly spelling mistake in a covering letter is likely to cost you your chance of getting an interview. Also, make sure it is addressed to the right person in the right department.

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NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 -
SECTION 14
THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(PUBLIC BYWAY DA14 - PARISH OF LAMPORT)
(TEMPORARY CLOSURE) ORDER 2012

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Northamptonshire
County Council have made an Order the effect of
which is to prohibit all motorised vehicles (except for
motor cyclists) from proceeding along the length of
Public Byway DA14 in the Parish of Lamport as set
out in the Schedule below. The byway shall remain
open to pedestrians, equestrians and cyclists.
Private access to land or premises adjacent to the
said byway is unaffected.

REASONS FOR RESTRICTION: The restriction is
required to prevent damage to the surface of the
byway during the winter period.

PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The Order will come into
effect on 1st November 2012 and will continue in
force for a period of six months. An application may
be made for the approval of the Secretary of State for
this to be extended if this proves necessary.
However, the restriction specified will have effect only
at such times and to such extent as is indicated by
the display of notices.

ALTERNATIVE ROUTES: From Point B on the map.
National Grid Reference ("NGR") SP 7242 7444,
generally east and then east-south-east to Point C at
NGR SP 7502 7363, then north-east to Point D, at
NGR SP 7520 7376, then east Point E, at NGR SP
7555 7373, then turning onto A508 towards Point F at
NGR SP 7467 7691, then west to Point G at NGR SP
7401 7651, then generally south-west to Point A at
NGR SP 7322 7544.

The alternative route is shown on the map by a
broken black line between points B-C-D-E-F-G-A.
Dated this 25th day of October 2012

QUENTIN BAKER
Director of Legal Services

PKG/ROW/185
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SCHEDULE
(Length of byway to be closed)
Public byway DA14 - Parish of Lamport - that
commences on the road to Blueberry Lodge at point
A on the map, NGR SP 7322 7544, then travels
generally south-west to terminate on the road to
Blueberry Grange at point B on the map at NGR SP
7242 7444.
That part of the byway to be closed is shown on the
map by a solid black line between points A-B.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
The Local Authorities (Members' Allowances) (England) Regulations 2003.

In accordance with sections 16 and 22 of the
above regulations, notice is hereby given that
Northamptonshire County Council has
received recommendations from the
Independent remuneration panel and has
made a scheme of allowances pursuant to
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effect from 1 April 2013.

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Public Notices

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 -
SECTION 14
THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(GAMBREL ROAD, NORTHAMPTON)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH
TRAFFIC) ORDER 2012

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Northamptonshire
County Council intend, not less than seven days from
the date of this Notice, to make an Order the effect of
which will be to prohibit traffic from proceeding along
that length of Gambrel Road, Northampton as set out
below.

LENGTH OF ROAD TO WHICH RESTRICTION
APPLIES: That length of Gambrel Road,
Northampton from the Gambrel Road gateway to
Tollgate Way to entrance to Boots Retail car park.

REASONS FOR RESTRICTION: The restriction is
required for safety during carriageway resurfacing
works.

PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The proposed Order will
come into effect on 5th November 2012 and will
continue in force for a period of eighteen months. An
application may be made for the approval of the
Secretary of State for Transport for the Order to be
extended if this proves necessary. However, the
restriction specified will have effect only at such times
and to such an extent as is indicated by the display of
signs prescribed by the Traffic Signs Regulations and
General Directions 2002.

EXPECTED DURATION: It is expected that the road
will be restricted until 31st November 2012 between
22.00 hrs and 06.00 hrs.

ALTERNATIVE ROUTES: Use Weedon Road.

Dated this 25th day of October 2012

QUENTIN BAKER
Director of Legal Services

PKG/T12/220
If you require any further information please contact
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NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 -
SECTION 14

THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(PUBLIC BYWAY KM56 - PARISH OF HACKLETON)
(TEMPORARY CLOSURE) ORDER 2012

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Northamptonshire
County Council have made an Order the effect of which
is to temporarily prohibit motorised vehicles (except for
motor cyclists) from proceeding along that length of
Public Byway KM56 in the Parish of Hackleton as
specified below. The byway shall remain open to
pedestrians, equestrians and cyclists. Private access to
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RIGHT OF WAY TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES:
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Reference ("NGR") SP 48038 25358 then continues
south for 670 metres to terminate at point B on the map
at NGR SP 48048 25292.

That part of the path to be closed is shown on the map
by a solid black line between points A/B.

REASONS FOR RESTRICTION: The restriction is
required to prevent surface damage to the byway
during the winter period.

PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The proposed Order will come
into effect on 1st November 2012 and will continue in
force for a period of six months. An application may be
made for the approval of the Secretary of State for
Transport for the Order to be extended if this proves
necessary. However, the restriction specified will have
effect only at such times and to such an extent as is
indicated by the display of notices.

ALTERNATIVE ROUTE: There is no suitable alternative
route.

Dated this 25th day of October 2012

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NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 -
SECTION 14

THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(WELLINGBOROUGH ROAD, NORTHAMPTON)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH
TRAFFIC) ORDER 2012

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Northamptonshire
County Council have made an Order the effect of which
is to prohibit traffic from proceeding along that length
of Wellingborough Road, Northampton as set out
below.

LENGTH OF ROAD TO WHICH RESTRICTION
APPLIES: That length of Wellingborough Road,
Northampton from the junction of Norman Road to the
junction of Briton Road.

REASONS FOR RESTRICTION: The restriction is
required for safety during carriageway patching works.

PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The proposed Order will
come into effect on 28th October 2012 and will
continue in force for a period of eighteen months. An
application may be made for the approval of the
Secretary of State for Transport for the Order to be
extended if this proves necessary. However, the
restriction specified will have effect only at such times
and to such an extent as is indicated by the display of
signs prescribed by the Traffic Signs Regulations and
General Directions 2002.

EXPECTED DURATION: It is expected that the road
will be restricted for three Sundays between 08.00 hrs
and 16.00 hrs.

ALTERNATIVE ROUTES: For traffic heading east use
Park Avenue North, Kettering Road, Booth Rise and
Lumbertubs Way. The route is vice versa for traffic
heading west.

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ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 -
SECTION 14
THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(WEST END, SILVERSTONE)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH
TRAFFIC) ORDER 2012**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Northamptonshire County Council intend, not less than seven days from the date of this Notice, to make an Order the effect of which will be to prohibit traffic from proceeding along that length of West End, Silverstone as set out below.

LENGTH OF ROAD TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES: That length of West End, Silverstone from the junction of The Willows to outside 52 West End.

REASONS FOR RESTRICTION: The restriction is required for safety during installation of a new water connection.

PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The proposed Order will come into effect on 6th November 2012 and will continue in force for a period of eighteen months. An application may be made for the approval of the Secretary of State for Transport for the Order to be extended if this proves necessary. However, the restriction specified will have effect only at such times and to such an extent as is indicated by the display of signs prescribed by the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2002.

EXPECTED DURATION: It is expected that the road will be restricted for three days.

ALTERNATIVE ROUTES: For traffic heading north use Brackley Road, High Street and Church. The route is vice versa for traffic heading south.

Dated this 25th day of October 2012

QUENTIN BAKER
Director of Legal Services

PKG/T12/219

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**NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 -
SECTION 14
THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(CLARENCE AVENUE, NORTHAMPTON)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH
TRAFFIC) ORDER 2012**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Northamptonshire County Council intend, not less than seven days from the date of this Notice, to make an Order the effect of which will be to prohibit traffic from proceeding along that length of Clarence Avenue, Northampton as set out below.

LENGTH OF ROAD TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES: That length of Clarence Avenue, Northampton from the junction of Osborne Road to the junction of Balmoral Road.

REASONS FOR RESTRICTION: The restriction is required for safety during carriageway patching works.

PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The proposed Order will come into effect on 6th November 2012 and will continue in force for a period of eighteen months. An application may be made for the approval of the Secretary of State for Transport for the Order to be extended if this proves necessary. However, the restriction specified will have effect only at such times and to such an extent as is indicated by the display of signs prescribed by the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2002.

EXPECTED DURATION: It is expected that the road will be restricted for one day between 08.00 hrs and 15.30 hrs.

ALTERNATIVE ROUTES: For traffic heading north use Balmoral Road, Cecil Road, Kingsthorpe Grove and Osborne Road. The route is vice versa for traffic heading south.

Dated this 25th day of October 2012

QUENTIN BAKER
Director of Legal Services

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**NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 -
SECTION 14
THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(PUBLIC FOOTPATH KN2 - PARISH OF
HARDINGSTONE)
(TEMPORARY CLOSURE) ORDER 2012**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Northamptonshire County Council intend, not less than seven days from the date of this Notice, to make an Order the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit pedestrians from proceeding along that length of Public Footpath KN2 in the Parish of Hardingstone as specified below. Access to land or premises adjacent to the said length of footpath is unaffected.

RIGHT OF WAY TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES: The route of KN2 to be closed commences at point A on Martins Lane the map at NGR SP76329 57529. It then travels south for 42 metres to point B at NGR SP76332 57487. It then heads west for 11 metres to point C at NGR SP76321 57487. The route then heads generally south for 211 metres through Hardingstone allotments to point D on Newport Pagnell Road at NGR SP76314 57276.

The route is shown by a solid black line between points A - B - C - D on the map.

REASONS FOR RESTRICTION: The restriction is required to enable development works at Hardingstone allotments.

PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The proposed Order will come into effect on 5th November 2012 and will continue in force for a period of six months. An application may be made for the approval of the Secretary of State for Transport for the Order to be extended if this proves necessary. However, the restriction specified will have effect only at such times and to such an extent as is indicated by the display of notices.

ALTERNATIVE ROUTE: The alternative route of KN2 starts at point A on the map at NGR SP76329 57529. It then travels generally east for 398 metres along Martins Lane and into Bouvier Road to point E at NGR SP76712 57497. The diverted route then heads south along The Warren for 230 metres to point F at NGR SP76677 57272. The route then heads west along the footway of Newport Pagnell Road for 377 metres to point D at NGR SP76314 57276.

The route is shown by a broken black line between points A - E - F - D on the map.

Dated this 25th day of October 2012

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**NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 -
SECTION 14
THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(PUBLIC BRIDLEWAY HW39 - BOROUGH OF
NORTHAMPTON)
(TEMPORARY CLOSURE) ORDER 2012**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Northamptonshire County Council have made an Order the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit equestrians, cyclists and all motor vehicles from proceeding along that length of Public Bridleway HW39 in the Borough of Northampton as specified below. There will be restricted access for pedestrians.

RIGHT OF WAY TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES: The route of Public Bridleway HW39 to be closed commences at point A on the Order map at NGR SP72939 59620. It then travels generally south east for 380 metres to point B at NGR SP73239 59447.

The route to be closed is shown by a solid black line between points A - B.

REASONS FOR RESTRICTION: The restriction is required to be on the grounds of public safety due to an unsafe bridge.

PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The proposed Order will come into effect on 26th October 2012 and will continue in force for a period of six months. An application may be made for the approval of the Secretary of State for Transport for the Order to be extended if this proves necessary. However, the restriction specified will have effect only at such times and to such an extent as is indicated by the display of notices.

ALTERNATIVE ROUTE: There is no suitable alternative however parts of bridleway HW59 will remain open for pedestrian use ONLY.

The parts to remain open for pedestrians only are between point A at NGR SP72939 and point C at NGR SP73057 59610 to allow access to footpaths HW7 and HW59, and between point B at NGR SP73239 59447 and point D at NGR SP73166 59558 to allow access to Public Footpath HW17.

Dated this 25th day of October 2012

QUENTIN BAKER
Director of Legal Services

PKG/ROW/040

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**NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 -
SECTION 14
THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(PUBLIC BYWAY DB16 - PARISH OF MAIDWELL)
(TEMPORARY CLOSURE) ORDER 2012**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Northamptonshire County Council have made an Order the effect of which is to temporarily prohibit all motorised vehicles (except for motor cyclists) from proceeding along that length of Public Byway DB16 in the Parish of Maidwell as specified below. The byway shall remain open to pedestrians, equestrians and cyclists. Private access to land or premises adjacent to the said byway is unaffected.

RIGHT OF WAY TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES: Public Byway DB16 commencing from the A508, Harborough Road to Point A on the Order map at National Grid Reference ("NGR") SP 7411 7797. It then travels generally north east for 1050 metres before terminating at the junction with Public Bridleway DB17 and an unclassified road at Point B, at NGR SP 7512 7811. The route is shown on the map by a solid black line between points A - B.

REASONS FOR RESTRICTION: The restriction is required to prevent damage to the byway during the winter period.

PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The proposed Order will come into effect on 1st November 2012 and will continue in force for a period of six months. An application may be made for the approval of the Secretary of State for Transport for the Order to be extended if this proves necessary. However, the restriction specified will have effect only at such times and to such an extent as is indicated by the display of notices.

ALTERNATIVE ROUTE: The alternative route commences at point A on the map, at NGR SP 7411 7797. It travels generally south-east for 1210 metres on the Harborough Road to point C at NGR SP 7466 7691 in the village of Maidwell. It then travels generally north east on Draughton Road for 360 metres to point D at NGR SP 7493 7697. The route then travels north for 220 metres to point E at NGR SP 7496 7719. The route then leaves Draughton Road and continues on a track travelling generally east of north for 990 metres to terminate at point B at NGR SP 7512 7811.

The alternative route is shown by a broken black line between A - C - D - E - B.

Dated this 25th day of October 2012

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**NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 -
SECTION 14
THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(PUBLIC BYWAY DA11 - PARISH OF
LAMPORF & PUBLIC BYWAY DF12 -
PARISH OF OLD)
(TEMPORARY CLOSURE) ORDER 2012**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Northamptonshire County Council have made an Order the effect of which is to temporarily prohibit all motorised vehicles (except for motor cyclists) from proceeding along those lengths of Public Byway DA11 in the Parish of Lamporf and Public Byway DF12 in the Parish of Old as specified below. The byways shall remain open to pedestrians, equestrians and cyclists. Private access to land or premises adjacent to the said lengths of byways is unaffected.

RIGHT OF WAY TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES: Public Byway DA11, in the Parish of Lamporf, that commences on Rothwell Road at point A on the map, National Grid Reference ("NGR") SP 7695 7591, and then travels generally south-east to Point B, at NGR SP 7822 7529, then turns north-north-east to Point C, at NGR SP 7833 7544, then generally south-east to Point D, at NGR SP 7850 7535, then north-east to Point E, at NGR SP 7555 7538, then south-east to Point F, at NGR SP 7885 7519, where it meets with Public Byway DF12 in the Parish of Old. Public Byway DF12 heads generally east to terminate on Mill Lane at point G on the map at NGR SP 7921 7523.

Those parts of the byways to be closed are shown on the map by a solid black line between points A-B-C-D-E-F-G.

REASONS FOR RESTRICTION: The restriction is required to prevent damage to the surface of the byways during the winter period.

PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The proposed Order will come into effect on 1st November 2012 and will continue in force for a period of six months. An application may be made for the approval of the Secretary of State for Transport for the Order to be extended if this proves necessary. However, the restriction specified will have effect only at such times and to such an extent as is indicated by the display of notices.

ALTERNATIVE ROUTE: From Point A on the map, NGR SP 7695 7591, generally south-west along Rothwell Road to Point J at NGR SP 7611 7474, then south-east along Old Road to Point I at NGR SP 7759 7350, then generally east-south-east to the village of Old to Point H, at NGR SP 7858 7320, then generally north-north-east along Harrington Road and then Mill Lane to Point G at NGR SP 7921 7523.

The alternative route is shown on the map by a broken black line between points A-J-I-H-G.

Dated this 25th day of October 2012

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**ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14(1)(A)
THE A45 TRUNK ROAD (NORTHAMPTON)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION AND RESTRICTION OF
TRAFFIC) ORDER 2012**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Secretary of State for Transport intends to make an Order on the A45 Trunk Road at Northampton in the County of Northamptonshire to allow resurfacing works to be carried out.

The effect of the Order will be to -

- 1) impose a 50 miles per hour speed restriction on -
 - i) the westbound carriageway of the A45 from its roundabout junction with the A43 (Lumbertubs Way) and Ferris Row to its roundabout junction with Eagle Drive and Caswell Road (Brackmills Interchange); and
 - ii) the westbound carriageway of the A45 from a point 1000 metres east of its roundabout junction with the A5076 (Great Billings Interchange) to its roundabout junction with the A43 (Lumbertubs Way) and Ferris Row.
- 2) close the slip road leading from -
 - i) the westbound carriageway of the A45 to its roundabout junction with Eagle Drive and Caswell Road (Brackmills Interchange); and
 - ii) the westbound carriageway of the A45 to its roundabout junction with the A43 (Lumbertubs Way) and Ferris Row; and
- 3) close the footway adjacent to the slip road described in 2 i) and ii) above.

The work will be carried out overnight between 20:00 hours and 06:00 hours (08:00 hours Saturday/ 09:00 hours Sunday) and is expected to start on Friday 16 November 2012 and continue for approximately three weeks. The Order will come into force on 9 November 2012.

Vehicles being used by the emergency services will be exempt from the closures and speed restriction. Vehicles being used by the special forces will be exempt from the speed restriction and vehicles being used in connection with the works will be exempt from the closures. Persons engaged in emergency services activities or activities connected with the works will be exempt from the footway closures. Diversion routes via alternative junctions on the A45 will be well signposted.

For more information, please contact Andrew Perry, Project Manager on behalf of the Highways Agency, on 01536 419623.

Mike Lloyd, A Higher Executive Officer in the Highways Agency

**ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984-SECTION 14(1)(A)
THE M1 MOTORWAY (JUNCTION 15A TO JUNCTION 16)
(TEMPORARY 50 MILES PER HOUR SPEED
RESTRICTION) ORDER 2012**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Secretary of State for Transport has made an Order on the M1 Motorway, in the County of Northamptonshire, to allow safety barrier improvement work to be carried out.

The effect of the Order will be to impose a 50 miles per hour speed restriction on the northbound carriageway of the M1 between a point 1100 metres north and a point 3500 metres north of the centreline of the Junction 15a interchange.

Work is expected to start on Wednesday 7 November 2012. The Order will come into force on 31 October 2012 and continue for 23 days.

Vehicles being used for police, fire brigade, ambulance or special services purposes will be exempt from the speed restriction.

For further information, please contact Andrew Perry, Project Manager on behalf of the Highways Agency, on 01536 419623.

Mike Lloyd, A Higher Executive Officer in the Highways Agency

**ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14(1)(A)
THE A45 TRUNK ROAD (HIGHAM FERRERS AND
WELLINGBOROUGH, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE)
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTION AND PROHIBITION OF
TRAFFIC) ORDER 2012**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Secretary of State for Transport has made an Order on the A45 Trunk Road in the County of Northamptonshire to allow resurfacing work to be carried out.

The effect of the Order will be to -

- (1) impose a 50 miles per hour speed limit on the westbound carriageway of the A45 from its roundabout junction with the A500 and B645 (Skew Bridge Roundabout) at Higham Ferrers to its junction with the slip road leading from its southern roundabout junction with the A509 at Wellingborough;
- (2) close -
 - (a) the length of the westbound carriageway of the A45 described in (1) above;
 - (b) the eastbound carriageway of the A45 from its junction with the slip road leading to its roundabout junction with the A509 and B573 at Wellingborough to its roundabout junction with the A5001 and B645 (Skew Bridge Roundabout) at Higham Ferrers;
- (3) close the slip road leading to -
 - (a) the westbound carriageway of the A45 from its junction with the A5001 near Rushden;
 - (b) the westbound carriageway of the A45 from its Junction with Chester Road (Irchester Turn); and
 - (c) the eastbound carriageway of the A45 from its roundabout junction with the A509 and B573 at Wellingborough; and
- (4) close the layby situated adjacent to the westbound carriageway of the A45 approximately 3400 metres east of its roundabout junction with the A509 (Wilby Way Roundabout);

The work will be carried out overnight between 20:00 hours and 06:00 hours (08:00 hours on Saturday/09:00 hours Sunday) and is expected to start on Friday 16 November 2012 and continue for approximately three weeks. The Order will come into force on 9 November 2012.

Vehicles being used by special forces will be exempt from the speed restriction. Vehicles being used by the emergency services will be exempt from the speed restriction and closures. Vehicles being used in connection with the works will be exempt from the closures. Diversion routes via the A6, A510 and A509 and vice versa will be well signposted. Access to property will be restricted during the works period.

For further information, please contact Andrew Perry, Project Manager on behalf of the Highways Agency, on 01536 419623.

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'We have work to do,' says Cobblers boss

FOOTBALL

BY MARC BAZELEY

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AIDY Boothroyd wants Northampton Town to cut out the lapses in concentration after seeing his side go down 1-0 at home to Bradford City in League Two on Tuesday evening.

Nahki Wells' 53rd-minute goal at Sixfields proved the difference between the sides. The striker latching onto a goal kick that was flicked on inadvertently by James Hanson and allowed Wells to nip in and score.

The defeat came hot on the heels of the 4-0 humiliation at previously winless Barnet last Friday and with second placed Port Vale due to visit Sixfields this weekend (2pm), the Cobblers manager is well aware of the need to tighten up the defence.

"There is a little bit of work to be done on the training pitch and a little bit of work to be done in the office as well, that's for sure," said Boothroyd.

"After Barnet we were shell shocked, we were positive going into Bradford but the overall feeling is disappointment because we are not a team that should be getting beaten 1-0 at home.

"I know it's only the second one here [at Sixfields] we have lost, but if we are going to be successful then we have got to make sure that we take points out of games like this."

Those back-to-back defeats mean Northampton drop down to 17th in the table, but they are still just five points off of the play-off places.

The fact that his side are close to being part of the promotion battle is the most frustrating thing about their form for Boothroyd.

"We're not talking about being bottom of the league and having to win a few games," Boothroyd said.

"Where we are is that we've got a few injuries and we're not getting the rub of the green – and I say that in the vaguest, most broad sense – in terms of decisions.

"But that's what a squad is for and those lads that come in have to prove themselves. "We've all got to be at it and even when we aren't playing well we have got to make sure that we don't give away goals and soft goals."

HOW THEY STAND

	P	W	D	L	Pts
Gillingham	14	10	2	2	32
Port Vale	14	9	3	2	30
Fleetwood	14	7	4	3	25
Cheltenham	14	7	4	3	25
Bradford	14	7	3	4	24
Rochdale	14	6	4	4	22
Rotherham	13	6	3	4	21
Torquay	14	5	6	3	21
York City	14	5	6	3	21
Burton	14	5	5	4	20
Exeter City	14	5	2	6	20
Southend	14	5	3	6	18
Chesterfield	14	4	6	4	18
Morecombe	14	5	3	6	18
Plymouth	14	5	5	5	17
Accrington	13	5	2	6	17
Northampton	14	4	4	6	16
Oxford United	14	5	1	8	16
Dagenham	14	3	6	5	15
Bristol Rovers	13	3	5	5	14
AFC Wimbledon	14	4	2	8	14
Wycombe	13	3	3	7	12
Aldershot	13	3	2	9	11
Barnet	14	1	4	9	7

Fixture:

Northampton v Port Vale, 2pm. (Sat)
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A typical robust and fractious scene from the fiery clashes between Northampton and Saracens in recent seasons. Picture: Andy Kearns

Van Velze ready for robust reunion with South Africans

Saints back-row forward poised to sample the "bad blood" that exists between the Saints and Saracens at Franklin's Gardens

RUGBY UNION

BY MARC BAZELEY

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HOW THEY STAND

	P	W	D	L	Pts
Northampton	6	5	0	1	22
Harlequins	6	4	0	2	20
Leicester	6	4	1	1	20
Saracens	6	4	1	1	20
Gloucester	6	4	1	1	19

Fixtures

Saints v Saracens (Saturday, 3pm)

GJ VAN Velze cannot wait to lock horns with Saracens' South African contingent when they face Northampton Saints at Franklin's Gardens on Saturday.

The match between the sides has developed into one of the fiercest rivalries in the Aviva Premiership and has boiled over on several occasions.

Saturday will be van Velze's first experience of the battle and the fact he will go up against several of his countrymen, including Ernst Joubert and Schalk Brits, adds another fascinating subplot to proceedings.

"There are a few of them [South Africans] and I can't wait because it will be a good battle," van Velze said.

"For me, the extra edge is because we are playing against so many other South Africans, but from what I've heard throughout the week it is a big rivalry and a big derby.

"But that's good for rugby and it's nice to participate in games like this."

There will have been no shortage of players briefing Velze on the history of the fixture, including Christian Day who will miss the next two games with an ankle problem.

"There has been a bit of bad blood between us and Saracens over the years, so there will be a bit of festi-

ness this weekend, no doubt," Day said. "Then it's Leicester the week after and I love playing against them, so I'm disappointed that those two games might be out of reach."

Van Velze is no stranger to big derby matches – he has played in several clashes between the Blue Bulls and Western Province.

"That's a very emotional game," van Velze said. "There are a few tempers flying in the game, but it is always a good game of rugby to watch."

"The powerhouses are always playing against each other, and from what I've heard and seen on TV I can only expect the same [on Saturday]."

The back-row forward is just pleased to be in contention to play in the fixture after a recent enforced spell on the sidelines through suspension.

He was cited for the first time in his life for a tip tackle on Exeter Chiefs'

Will Chudley in only his second game for the club, subsequently found guilty at the resulting disciplinary hearing and handed a four-week suspension.

He made his return as a replacement in last Friday's 13-6 defeat away to Castres Olympique in the Heineken Cup, playing the last 18 minutes.

"It's a tough thing because I've never been cited in my life before with this being the first one," van Velze said.

"If you ask me what happened frame by frame then I can't tell you because it happened so quick. What I have learned is don't pick up a player and drive him into the ground."

"It is as the law says, so we've just got to stick to the laws. I'm not going to break my head in or keep annoying myself about it; I'll just keep going on forwards."

"There are a lot of games, but I want to get there, get the position and keep on improving."

Northampton will have studied the videos from Saracens' last two matches and will have been impressed by the victories over Edinburgh and Racing Metro.

"We've got to be clinical – more clinical even because they have got top class players in every position and they challenge you all across the park," van Velze said.

"We've got to be desperate to win and that's a big word for us."

Sarries rivalry

Where does it stem from?

■ March 2010: Five players are sin-binned in a volatile LV=Cup semi-final at Franklin's Gardens – three from Sarries and two from Saints. The home side won 24-12.

■ April 2010: Sarries win a league game, 28-27, at Franklin's Gardens and are accused, by Jim Mallinder, of "singing [in the changing room] like they had won the league". Sarries Alex Goode said: "We shook their hands and a lot of their guys didn't even bother and walked off."

■ April 2010: Soane Tonga'uia performs a dramatic U-turn, signing a new contract at Saints having previously agreed to join Sarries who said they thought it was "April Fools" when they heard the news.

■ January 2012: Chris Ashton announces he will leave the Saints to join bitter rivals Sarries.

Leeson handed title shot against hot-shot Gardner

BOXING ROUND-UP

BY MARC BAZELEY

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NATHAN Leeson is determined to seize the chance afforded to him when he fights for the Queensbury Boxing League British middleweight title next month.

The former Northampton ABC pugilist challenges reigning champion Gareth Gardner on the 'Edge of Greatness' bill in Copthorne, Sussex on Saturday, November 24.

Leeson, 26, has lost just twice in 15 amateur bouts and is confident he can wrest the belt away from Gardner even though the New Addington fighter became the first boxer to win three titles in the league at three different weights earlier this month.

"Opportunities like this don't come along every day," Leeson said. "I've done my homework. I know all about Gardner and how to beat him."

"He's a strong, come-forward fighter and throws a lot of punches and I like it when my opponents do that."

"I'm a counter puncher and I'm going to get him to fall onto my shots."

"He won't know anything about me and that's to my advantage as well."

"I know I've got what it takes to beat him. I've just got to make sure I'm fit because he does throw a lot of punches."

The Queensbury Boxing League is the brainchild of Ross Minter, the former English welterweight champion, and is designed to provide a legitimate form of the sport that sits between amateur level and British Boxing Board of Control-licensed fights.

Since being launched two years ago, the organisation has grown in stature and with Eurosport on board as a broadcast partner the future looks promising.

While the next show will see Leeson going for domestic glory, Duston's Danny Linehan is hoping he can earn a title shot by winning his undercard match-up.

The 32-year-old roofer is up against



Olympic goal medallist Nicola Adams, front centre, visited the Kings Heath ABC on Monday.

Andy Thompson in an eliminator to fight for the League's English super-middleweight title.

Meanwhile, Olympic gold medallist Nicola Adams visited Kings Heath ABC on Monday evening to congratulate them on an impressive start to the 2012-13 boxing season.

The Team GB member made history at this summer's London games by becoming the first woman ever to win an Olympic boxing gold, beating China's Ren Cancan in the flyweight final.

Adams passed on advice to Kings Heath trio Kieron Conway, Sam Daly, Noel Smith, who will all be in action on Sunday when they box in the

Midlands finals of the CYP Championship. Reuben Arrowsmith, the world number five, was also due to be involved, but has been forced to pull out of his contest due to medical issues. Conway sealed his place there this past Sunday after convincingly beating Corby ABC's Kane Mceachran in a box-off.

Adams' visit to the Northampton club comes not long after the Welsh team came down with some of their strongest boxers, while Great Britain coach Bob Dillon is also set to take a sparring session there in the near future.

Far Cotton ABC also have two of their promising pugilists involved in

this weekend's Midlands finals, with Drew Brown also coming through a box-off on Sunday after defeating Martin Miles, of One Nation ABC. Brown now faces Worcester City ABC's Trent Smith, while clubmate Kyle Owen is up against Worley's Ahmed Mahaz.

Elsewhere, Chantelle Cameron claimed a bronze at the Tammer Tournament in Finland over the weekend with a convincing 21-6 victory over Kazakhstan's Akbota Dulatova.

The Kings Heath ABC boxer had suffered a 17:12 points loss to Italian Romina Marenza in her semi-final, but responded to score a resounding win in the third-place box off.

Kane hoovers up second spot for Dyson boys

MOTORSPORT

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STEVEN Kane's return to racing action saw the Brixworth-based driver earn a place on the podium at the Petit Le Mans in Atlanta on Saturday.

Kane was called in to join Dyson Racing's Chris Dyson and Guy Smith for the 1,000 mile race at Road Atlanta, having helped them to a class win at the Sebring 12 Hour race in March.

The team's Lola B12/60 Madza Coupe lost over an hour in the pits during the race due an electrical issue, but it was the 32-year-old's two and a quarter hour stint at the wheel that laid the foundations for the recovery to finish in second.

"It was great to go racing again and I was very pleased with my pace which was fast and consistent throughout," said Kane.

"It was great to get back with all the Dyson Racing boys and see how everything had moved on since I raced for them back in March in terms of the technology that had been added on the car."

Kane had been out of action for six months due to former employers Oryx pulling out of the Grand-Am championship after two rounds.

He is now aiming to secure a full time drive in the American Le Mans Series (ALMS) for next year.

Elsewhere, newly-crowned ALMS GT class champion Oliver Gavin was unable to end the season on a high after a steering rack failure at the six-hour mark forced his Corvette Racing into the pits for lengthy repairs while leading.

The Yardley Hastings-based racer with co-drivers Tommy Milner and Richard Westbrook were able to get back out on track for the closing stages of the race, but had to settle for 12th in class.

"There was a lot of promise. We really had a good car to fight with, but unfortunately it wasn't meant to be," said Gavin after missing out on what would have been the team's fifth win of the year.

"It's been a phenomenal year for Tommy and I, and everyone on the #4 car and within Corvette Racing. It's a shame we couldn't finish off with a victory."

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HIGH HOPES FOR FORCE INDIA

DR Vijay Mallya is hoping the Silverstone-based Sahara Force India can see both cars finish in the points in his home Grand Prix at the Buddh International Circuit on Sunday.

The Indian billionaire was part of a consortium that bought the team back in October 2007 and has been in charge since then.

Although they have remained at their Northamptonshire base since then, the outfit operate under an Indian license, and last year's inaugural Indian Grand Prix saw Adrian Sutil finish ninth.

"I remember how proud I felt last year to see our cars racing in India in the colours of the Indian flag," said Mallya. "It was a moment I had dreamed about and a great sporting achievement for our country."

GOLD FOR RUGBY & NORTHAMPTON

CHRIS Perez had a good run in Sunday's inaugural Daventry 10 mile road race, finishing second and helping Rugby & Northampton AC take the gold medal in the men's team race.

The 36-year-old crossed the line in exactly 57 minutes in a race that also incorporated the Northants Championships. Although he was not able to stay with the fast early pace of Birchfield's Matt Almond, Perez was happy with his silver medal performance. Finishing in fourth was Greg Spellman, who was just pipped for third place by Northampton Road Runners' Danson Njoka in a time of 57:28. However, that was good enough to see him win the M45 first prize and M40 County Championship.

TITANIC VICTORY FOR THUNDER

NORTHANTS Thunder gained the bragging rights over Northamptonshire Titans with a 114-94 victory in Sunday's EBL National Shield second round tie.

Leon Henry's 41 points helped Thunder to victory at Weavers Leisure Centre, with Mark Gledhill leading the way for Titans with 22 points. Thunder now host Derby Trailblazers II in round three next month, having already defeated their third team, 78-61, in the opening round. It was the Titans' second defeat of the weekend after losing 85-68 away to Oxford Brookes University on Saturday.

"We are on a difficult path and we are looking for improvements on a game by game basis," said Titans head coach Pete Burgoine.

SAVAGE CLEANS UP AT CEREMONY

TOM Savage was named both the Infiniti Player of the Year and Players' Player of the Year at the first-ever Northants Disability Cricket end of season awards night last Friday.

The 22-year-old England international was one of several players recognised on the evening to celebrate the efforts of the county's disabled cricketers.

Northants Disability captain Ollie Barton was named as The Cube Young Player of the Year and Chris Towler was voted at the Coaches Player of the Year.

Matthew Parkin's figures of 4-13 against Warwickshire was also recognised, as were the batting performances of Savage for his 83 against Saints CC and Zaib Sabih for his 69 against Wellingborough OGS.

TOWN'S TOP CLUBS SET TO MEET

KINGSTHORPE IBC and Northampton & District IBC's men's teams will face each other in the second round of the national inter-club Denny Cup competition.

Kingsthorpe's 98-58 victory over Daventry IBC and Northampton's 86-55 defeat of Rushden Town IBC in round one set up a meeting of the town's two clubs a week on Saturday.

On Saturday, Kingsthorpe's mixed team take on Daventry in the national Top Club competition, which comprises ladies and men's singles, plus mixed pairs, triples and fours events. Northampton & District's Marilyn Oram booked her place in the Area semi-finals of the Champion of Champions event with a narrow 21-20 win.

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'New union would be divisive'

Cobblers ace will not back breakaway black association and admits abuse

FOOTBALL

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JOE WIDDOWSON feels the proposed separate union for black footballers could cause more harm than good and could lead to divisions among players.

In the wake of the John Terry-Anton Ferdinand saga, some black players are so unhappy with the progress being made to combat racism in football that talks have begun over setting up a Black Players Association, which would be separate from the current Professional Footballers Association (PFA).

However, Widdowson, the Cobblers left back, does not believe that is the right course of action.

"I wouldn't support that or be a part of that," Widdowson said. "I think, if anything, that would probably make the problem worse. To distance black players from other races involved, I think is silly.

"Football is one community and we all play together, we all love playing the game, so I don't think I'd support the idea of a breakaway.

"It could definitely be divisive. I think it's a bit of a contradiction to the idea of trying to unite against

racism. I don't think it would be beneficial to anyone, really."

He echoed the view of PFA chairman and former Cobblers defender Clark Carlisle, who said the move would lead to an "us and them" mentality.

Former West Brom and Arsenal defender Brendon Batson has called on black players not to form a breakaway group.

"I'd be really disappointed if there was a split and I don't think there would be any benefit," Batson, a former PFA administrator, told BBC Radio Five.

"What we need to do is address the concerns of current black players, hear their voice and see if we can do something about it."

The incident involving England's Danny Rose in Serbia and the actions of some high-profile black players in refusing to wear t-shirts supporting the 'Kick It Out' campaign, has brought the issue under the microscope.

Widdowson admitted he had experienced racism in football.

"I've had one or two things said to me - not by opposing players but by fans in the past," he said.

"But, to be honest, it's a very hard thing to change people's mentality or attitude on the issue of race. I just want to focus on football."



Joe Widdowson, the Cobblers left-back, admits he was abused by fans. Picture: Andy Kearns

O'Brien puts end to his stay with the Steelbacks

CRICKET

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NIALL O'Brien has completed his move from Northamptonshire to Leicestershire, signing a three-year contract with the Foxes.

The Ireland international wicket keeper was given permission to speak to other counties at the end of the 2012 season, despite still having a year remaining on his contract.

O'Brien found himself in and out of the side last season, and the emergence of David Murphy meant he was likely to play a peripheral role again next season.

"It's sad to see Niall leave the club as he has been a big part of the changing room since he arrived," head coach David Ripley said.

"He has found himself out of the side at times this season through form, fitness and international commitments, meaning the club couldn't offer him the role he wants.

"He's now found some personal security in Leicestershire's offer of a three-year deal and we wish him well for his future."

O'Brien was signed after being released by Kent ahead of the 2007 season and became such a key player both behind the stumps and with the bat that he was named as the Northants Player of the Year in 2008.

He will now compete with Ned Eckersley for the wicketkeeping job at Leicestershire while his place in the Northants squad will be assumed by Ben Duckett, the England Under-19 international, who signed a deal until September 2015.

Duckett, the 17-year-old wicket-keeper batsman, made his first team debut in July and played for England in the Under-19 World Cup earlier this year.

Academy batsmen Rob Keogh and James Kettleborough, and all-rounder Christian Davis, have also been offered contracts.

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